

Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission

	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 ESTIMATE	FY 2024 BASELINE
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	2.0	2.0	2.0
Personal Services	73,500	80,900	80,900
Employee Related Expenditures	32,300	39,000	39,000
Professional and Outside Services	200,000	200,000	200,000
Other Operating Expenditures	23,500	24,300	24,300
AGENCY TOTAL	329,300	344,200	344,200 ^{1/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	129,300	144,200	144,200
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Arizona Water Banking Fund	200,000	200,000	200,000
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	200,000	200,000	200,000
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	329,300	344,200	344,200
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	329,300	344,200	344,200

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission (ANSAC) is a 5-member body charged with determining the ownership of watercourses in the state by establishing whether the watercourses were navigable at the time of statehood. If navigable, title to the watercourse belongs to the state based on a series of court rulings. If non-navigable, the title to the watercourse belongs to the current title holder.

FOOTNOTES

^{1/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum by Agency.

Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$344,200 and 2 FTE Positions in FY 2024 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2024
General Fund	\$144,200
Arizona Water Banking Fund	200,000

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2023.

Other Issues

Statutory Changes

The Baseline would, as session law, continue to allow use of the Water Banking Fund for the commission's legal obligations.

Background

The commission is responsible for determining the navigability of state watercourses at the time of statehood. As of the last public data in August 2022, cases regarding the navigability of the Gila, Salt, and Verde Rivers have been decided in favor of the commission's findings of non-navigability, but they have all been appealed to the Arizona Court of Appeals. If they are ruled to have been navigable at the time of statehood, the watercourses are considered State Trust Land and any related proceeds from the waterbeds would be deposited in the Riparian Trust Fund, pursuant to A.R.S. § 37-1156. The monies in this fund are primarily used to acquire and maintain land adjacent to the waterbeds for conservation purposes.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate
Arizona Water Banking Fund (NSA2110/A.R.S. § 45-2425)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: General Fund appropriations and fees associated with the purchase, lease, storage, accreditation, and delivery of Colorado River water to municipalities and industrial water users (see Department of Water Resources narrative for more information).		
Purpose of Fund: To fund outside legal counsel and court reporters for court hearings.		
Funds Expended	200,000	200,000
Year-End Fund Balance	352,800	352,800